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Communist Economic Aid to Non-Communist
Less Developed Countries, 1985 [REDACTED]

This handbook, which is updated annually to provide data on Communist economic aid to Less Developed Countries (LDCs), serves as the Intelligence Community's official database on these transactions. Annual intelligence assessments on Communist-LDC economic aid are issued separately; the assessments for 1985 will be published in the near future. The statistics in this handbook update and supersede those in our previous publications. [REDACTED]

The term *Communist countries* refers to: the USSR, China, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic (GDR), Hungary, Poland, Romania, Cuba, North Korea, and Yugoslavia. [REDACTED]

For purposes of this report, the term *less developed countries* includes: (1) all countries of Africa except the Republic of South Africa; (2) all countries of East Asia except Hong Kong and Japan; (3) Malta, Portugal, and Spain in Europe; (4) all countries in the Caribbean and Latin America except Cuba; and (5) all countries in the Middle East and South Asia, except Israel. Although Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam have been Communist countries since 1975, data prior to this date are included here for historical purposes. [REDACTED]

Assistance is considered to have been extended when accords are initialed and constitute a formal declaration of intent. Economic aid includes grants and loans; credits with repayment terms of five years or more which fit international definitions of concessional aid because of low interest rates or other soft terms are included. They are designated as "trade credits" if

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